

The Role of the Probation Officer in Juvenile Court



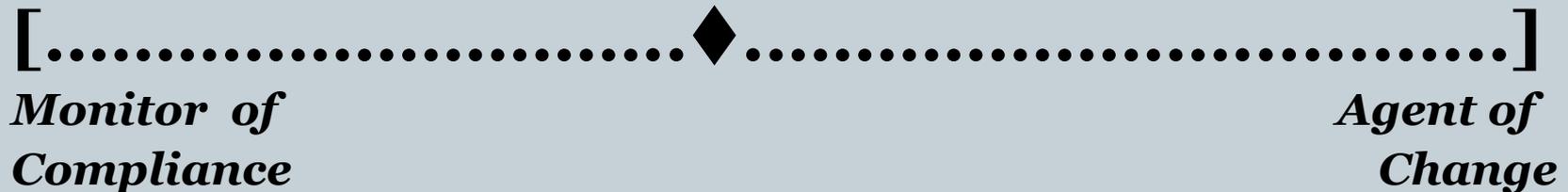
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What is Probation?

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If probation is the rule and incarceration the exception, and graduated sanctions and multiple probations are the norm, then:

What is the role of the JPO?



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- All probation definitions have the common element:

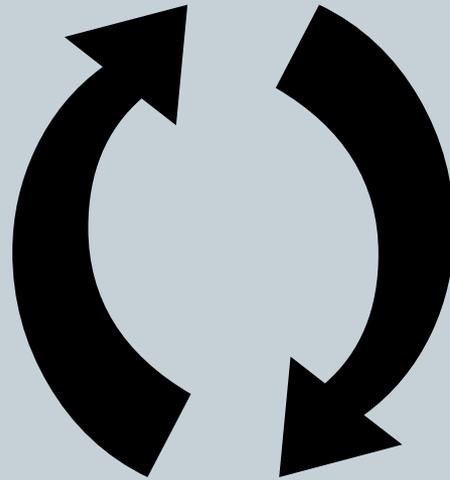
Alternative to incarceration

- How does this fit with today's concept of Juvenile Justice?

Role of the JPO



Agent of Change



Monitor of Compliance

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DUTIES OF PROBATION OFFICER



Probation Officers shall investigate all cases referred to them for investigation by the director or by the court. They shall furnish to each person released under their supervision a written statement of the conditions of probation and shall instruct him regarding the same. They shall keep informed of his conduct and condition **and use all *suitable methods* to aid and encourage him and to bring about improvement in his conduct and condition.**”

Probation Officer

Probationer Supervision Activities

- 1. COMPLETE A PROBATIONER RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND ASSIGN A SUPERVISION LEVEL.**
- 2. COMPLETE WITH THE PROBATIONER, THE AIM AND CASE PLAN.**
- 3. PLACE THE PROBATIONER IN APPROPRIATE TREATMENT SERVICE WHEN APPLICABLE.**
- 4. IMPLEMENT PROBATIONER SUPERVISION STANDARDS.**

CRIMINOGENIC NEEDS



- **Anti-social behavior** (low self-control)
- **Anti-social values/attitudes** (authority issues)
- **Anti-social Peers** (criminal companions)
- **Anti-social personality traits** (callousness)
- **Substance abuse**
- **Dysfunctional family**

5. Monitor probationer compliance with the Case Plan through *targeted* face-to-face interactions and regular collateral contacts.

- a) Review Case Plan implementation and probationer compliance updating and modifying as necessary.
- b) Decrease the probationer's ambivalence, defensiveness, and resistance toward changing their anti-social behavior.



- c) Recognize and reinforce probationer self-efficacy.
 - d) When necessary, review probation/supervision conditions, expected behavior, and consequences of non-compliance.
 - e) When necessary, apply graduated responses for non-compliance.
6. When warranted or required, conduct a probationer risk and needs reassessment and, if necessary, modify the Case Plan.